

The National Nurse Leadership Council is proud to recognize the following nurses and staff as the 2007 awardees honored at the National Council of Nurse Administrators' Awards Luncheon, June 20, 2007, in Spokane, WA.

Advanced Practice Nurse Award

Bonita F. Conner  
White Earth Health Center  
Bemidji Area

Ancillary Nursing Practice Award

Tama Schjoll  
Warm Springs Health & Wellness Center  
Portland Area

Clinical Nurse Award

Lita Ann Scott  
Winslow Indian Health Care Center, Inc.  
Navajo Area

Licensed Practice Nurse

Janice Franchell  
Oneida Nation Indian Health Center  
Nashville Area

Nurse Administrator Award

Laura Herbison  
Northern Cheyenne Service Unit  
Billings Area

Nursing Group

Adult Medicine Group  
WW Hastings Indian Hospital  
Oklahoma Area

Public Health Nurse

Kirk Koyama  
Chinle Comprehensive Health Care Facility  
Navajo Area

Special Friend of Nursing

Lee Jackson  
WW Hastings Indian Hospital  
Oklahoma Area

The following IHS and Tribal nurses are being recognized by the National Nurse Leadership Council (NNLC) for their stellar performance, commitment, and dedication to serving American Indian and Alaska Native people. They will be formally recognized at the IHS' National Combined Councils' Awards Banquet on February 26, 2007 in San Diego, CA.

NNLC Award for Exceptional Performance

Shelley Jayne Thorkelson, MSN, CNM, CDE  
Navajo Area  
GDM Case Manager  
Northern Navajo Medical Center

NNLC Award for Managerial Excellence

Deborah W. Hansen, RN, BSN, MSN  
Alaska Area  
Director, Maternal Child Health Care  
Alaska Native Medical Center

NNLC Lifetime Achievement Award

Patricia Smith, RN, BSN  
Albuquerque Area  
Albuquerque Area Nurse Consultant  
Albuquerque Area IHS Office

NNLC Nurse Administrator of the Year

Holly Elliott, RN, MSN  
Phoenix Area  
Chief Nurse Officer  
Phoenix Indian Medical Center